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## SecDef Tells Senate Of Additional Needs

Authorization for more manpower and materiel is required for the remainder of FY66 if the U.S. is to be prepared to deploy additional forces to Southeast Asia.

This consensus was made by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara before a joint session of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Subcommittee on DOD appropriations for FY66 supplemental for SEA. The supplemental request is for $12,345,719,000.

Besides asking for an additional Marine Corps division, he also sought manpower increases for the other services. His request included a number of Marine tactical helicopter squadrons, observation squadrons and an air support control unit.

Major Army change, since last August, calls for more military personnel, required for support forces, and provides for a large increment of aviation companies.

Air Force increases include retention of B-57 and F-102 aircraft previously scheduled for phaseout and support required for forces in Vietnam.

Navy requirements since last August's request include one destroyer, more small craft, support ships and augmentation of construction battalions in the Pacific area plus four new CB battalions.

## Draft Deferment of Fathers Amended by Executive Order

The President has signed an Executive Order amending the Selective Service Regulations with regard to deferment of fathers in certain occupations.

Formerly, all fathers of dependent children were automatically deferred, except physicians, dentists and veterinarians, who are exempted from special call only after their local Draft Board determines that special hardship would be imposed on their dependents if they were drafted.

The new Executive Order will require the same individual review for men in specialized occupations allied to medicine or dentistry.

*AF VISITOR—Gen. Robert N. Lee, USAF (right), Air Deputy to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, meets Gen. Andrew P. O'Meara, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Army, Europe, at a command briefing in Heidelberg.*

## Projected Ammunition Needs Will Cost U.S. $2.1 Billion

Current plans call for applying massive firepower to enhance force effectiveness and reduce casualties, said Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara in testimony Jan. 20.

To meet projected ammunition needs, a $2.1 billion supplement has been requested.

Ground forces, including associated helicopter units, are consuming ammunition at an estimated $100 million monthly. Air munitions are being used at about $110 million monthly. "We are preparing to support a much higher rate," Secretary McNamara said.

A substantial number of artillery battalions are now in Vietnam, opposed to 1964 when there were none, and sorties for helicopter, tactical fixed-wing aircraft and B-52s have increased considerably.

### More Marines, Army Land in RVN

Elements of the First Marine Regiment (Reinforced) landed at Chu Lai, RVN, Jan. 17 and 18, joining other units of the regiment which have been there for some time. At Vung Tau, some 4,000 men of the Army's 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division came ashore and were immediately flown to Bien Hoa.

# Washington Memos

**PROJECT PROVOST (Priority Research and Development Objectives for Vietnam Operations Support) has been announced by SecDef Robert S. McNamara and is designed to identify current R&D projects which could make significant contributions to RVN military operations.**

ABOUT $58 MILLION has already gone into the projects from the FY66 R&D Emergency Fund. Defense has asked for an additional $152 million for FY66 to continue and expand this effort and to meet other urgent requirements. Among items requiring monetary support are therapeutic drug development for fulciparum malaria, a wide variety of surveillance devices, weapons, munitions and personal equipment.

**ARMY AND MARINE CORPS flew an average 19,000 helicopter sorties monthly in RVN during 1964. By mid-1965 the figure had risen to about 60,000, reaching 125,000 by year's end.**

AIR FORCE has averaged around 300 B-52 sorties monthly supporting RVN operations, consuming about 6,000 tons of bombs each month, since July 1965.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE figures on military casualties in RVN reached 1,682 as of Jan. 10. Deaths not result of hostile forces action stood at 475 for same period.**

ARMY'S 145TH AVIATION Battalion awarded second Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Device, RVN's highest combat award, for outstanding helicopter support of combat operations during past year.

**AIR FORCE PILOTS who served in RVN on temporary duty are returning for one-year tours. Tours can be shortened by flying 100 combat missions over North Vietnam.**

GUIDELINES FOR THE Army Community Service Program have been published in AR 608-1. The program was previously discussed in the Army Personnel Letter for September-October. A status report will be published by APL this spring.

**AIR FORCE MAIL terminals in Europe report receiving personal mail marked "MOM." Marking is authorized for official "Military Ordinary Mail" and is not to be used on personal parcels.**

KEEL LAYING CEREMONIES for USS Narwhal, Navy's newest nuclear powered submarine, were held Jan. 17 at Electric Boat Division, General Dynamics, Groton, Conn. Rep. Chet Holifield, D.-Calif., Chairman, Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, laid the keel.

**DIRECTORATE OF ARMAMENT Development, Eglin AFB, Fla., was redesignated Air Force Armament Laboratory effective March 1, according to Commander, Research and Technology Division, Air Force Systems Command.**

AMERICAN RED CROSS certificates for completion of ARC first aid courses totaled 1,111,230 during FY65, largest number issued since 1942-43 when figure passed 2,700,000.

**AEROJET-GENERAL CORP., Sacramento, Calif., has successfully fired full scale, Sprint-size first stage rocket motor using safe, economical composite Class 2 propellant.**

NAVY ELECTRONICS LABORATORY oceanographers departed Jan. 17 for 13,000 mile, three month expedition aboard USS Marysville for study of eastern Central Pacific Ocean. Major effort will be study of thermal structure and water currents near equator.

**USAF MEDICAL SERVICE School will move from Gunter AFB, Ala., to Sheppard AFB, Tex., next spring. School is only USAF training facility providing Air Force Medical Service with professional and semi-professional personnel.**

**ANGLE MEASURING INSTRUMENT for surveying in poor visibility under study by Army Engineer Geodosy, Intelligence and Mapping Research and Development Agency, Ft. Belvoir, Va. If developed, instrument could permit faster, more accurate measurements under adverse weather conditions.**

U. S. MARINES in RVN feel the people back home support their actions, as evidenced by 323,000 pounds of special mail, gifts, letters and cards received during the Christmas season. This observation was made by USMC Commandant Gen. Wallace M. Greene Jr., just back from a trip to Southeast Asia. He said the flood of Christmas mail, including a 20-foot long scroll bearing signatures of well-wishers, made a tremendous impact on the Marines.

**VIETNAMESE PEOPLE "WANT to be our friends," said the Marine Corps Commandant, "because we're honoring our pledge." He said the Vietnamese are cooperating with the Pacification Program which he termed, "highly successful." People in the villages need security, he explained.**

ARMY NURSE CORPS celebrates its 65th anniversary Feb. 2. ANC has a long history serving world-wide as the oldest of the women's military services. Today, ANC is composed of women and men qualified professional nurses.

**CIVIL ENGINEERS OF U.S. Air Forces, Europe, met in Wiesbaden, Germany for two-day meeting to discuss command civil engineering policy and to furnish guidance for construction, planning and maintenance in USAFE.**

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# Marine Commandant Praises All U.S. Forces in Vietnam

Returned from a 13-day visit in Southeast Asia, Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Wallace M. Greene Jr., praised all United States forces in South Vietnam, singling out the efficiency and impact of Army's 1st Cavalry (Airmobile) Division.

"Helicopters have almost taken the place of jeeps," Gen. Greene noted, paying tribute to the capability and concept of air mobility displayed by units in RVN.

As for U.S. Marines, Gen. Greene said they are as good or better than at anytime in his career. The Marines know why they're in RVN, he said, adding that he was also impressed with the performance of South Korea's "Blue Dragon" Marine Corps brigade serving in RVN.

In the tactical area, Gen. Greene declared, "We own the night," explaining that three-fourths of the troops are on the move in RVN during this period.

Use of the electronic seismic intrusion device to detect movement at night has been helpful, he noted, and rifles with telescopes effective up to 1,000 yards have proved successful for sniper teams.

# DOD Control Office Gives Presentation in Los Angeles

DOD's Item Entry Control Office (DIECO) described its mission and program at a meeting sponsored by the National Security Industrial Association (NSIA), in Los Angeles, Jan. 13.

DIECO provides an orderly method for preventing unnecessary new items from entering the Department of Defense supply system.

Mr. R. D. Donnell, Chairman of NSIA's Spares Provisioning Technical Panel, opened the meeting.

Other speakers included Brig. Gen. William M. Hamrick, USAF, Executive Director, Technical Logistics Services, Defense Supply Agency and Capt. V. C. Bertelsen, USN, DIECO Director.

# Chinese Officers Visit RVN

A group of 13 general officers from the Army of the Republic of China paid a brief visit ot the 1st Air Cavalry Division (Airmobile) base at An Khe, RVN, recently. Gen. O Yu Lun, Deputy Commander of the Chinese Army, led the delegation of one lieutenant general and 11 major generals.

## $37,000 Received from Football Game

Service relief and aid societies received $37,800 from last year's Armed Forces Benefit Football Game at Soldier Field, Chicago, an $1,800 increase over the preceding year.

Each service receives more than $10,000 yearly from game receipts and Chicago Bears donations. The Bears' most recent contribution was $6,000.

*CINCLANT CONFERENCE—Brig. Gen. Robert R. Linvill, USA (right), conferred with Adm. Thomas H. Morrer, USN, Commander in Chief, Atlantic, in Norfolk, Va., prior to assuming command of U.S. forces in the Dominican Republic Jan. 17. General Linvill replaced Lt. Gen. Bruce Palmer who returned to Ft. Bragg, N.C., to command XVIII Airborne Corps.*

# Pt. Mugu Missile Complex Hails 'Back to School' Plan

More than 30 Ventura County youngsters were recently employed at the Navy's Point Mugu, Calif., missile complex under President Johnson's Youth Opportunity "Back to School" Program.

Under the program, youngsters from low income homes, with low scholastic achievement and, in many cases, from minority groups are given up to 15 hours employment a week at Point Mugu. They are paid $1.30 an hour and receive school credit for participation in the program.

Students are required to maintain their school grades and continue toward graduation. Work assigned at Point Mugu includes on-the-job training in data processing machine operation, office skills, various shop trades and general maintenance.

# 3,316 Marines use Mail Order Program

Three thousand, three hundred sixteen Marines, many of them in frontline units in the RVN purchased nearly $76,000 worth of gifts for families and friends through "Operation Christmas Tree," a mail order program initiated at the request of Commander, FMFPac. The program was tailored primarily for Marines at company and platoon levels who could not reach exchange facilities.

Specially prepared catalogues were distributed and completed orders forwarded to West Coast exchanges for processing and mailing.

## MC, AF Aircraft Achieve In-Flight Refueling 'First'

The practicality of air-to-air refueling between fixed and rotary-wing aircraft was demonstrated for the first time in aviation history by the Air Force and Marine Corps at MCAS, Cherry Point, N.C., recently.

An Air Force CH-3C helicopter and Marine Corps KC-130F Hercules tanker, using a conventional probe and drogue system, completed 10 aerial hookups.

The new refueling technique will have applications in combat operations, aerospace programs and routine air rescue and recovery work. It will greatly increase the range and duration of missions for helicopters.

## Helicopter Pilot Training Program Output Tripled

Army aviation schooling has been expanded to fulfill world-wide personnel requirements with emphasis directly on operations in the Republic of Vietnam.

Nearly 700 veterans of RVN service are on the staff and faculty of the U.S. Army Aviation School, Ft. Rucker, Ala.

Total school output for FY66 was increased to 5,000 with major increases in helicopter pilot training and aviation mechanic courses. Annual helicopter pilot output was increased from a previously planned 1,150 to nearly 3,500 yearly.

***KOREAN HONORED — Sec. of the Navy Paul H. Nitze presents the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to VAdm. Myong Soo Halm, CNO of the Republic of Korea "For exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from September 1964 to January 1966 (having served) to strengthen further the bond of friendship between the Republic of Korea and the United States."***

## 13 Space Pilots Graduated

Thirteen more space pilots have been graduated from USAF's Aerospace Research Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.

The two Navy and 11 Air Force pilots include Capts. S. A. Babin, F. Belinne, J. D. Bowline, L. C. Curtis Jr., F. R. Dent III, N. O. DeVoll, F. H. Ernst, J. W. Hines, J. K. Olson, G. E. Thompson, and D. L. Thurman, all USAF; Lts. N. B. Temple and R. L. Crippen, USN.

Top scholar and flier in Class 65-A was Capt. Bowline.

## Exercise Winter Express Slated for NATO Forces

General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, (ACE) has announced the seventh of a series of NATO exercises.

Exercise Winter Express will be held in north Norway Feb. 27 to March 26. Norwegian forces will be joined by battalion groups from Canada, Italy and the United Kingdom, with support units from the U.S., United Kingdom and Italy. Units of the ACE Mobile Force Air Component, including squadrons from the Royal Netherlands Air Force, U.S. Air Force and the British Royal Air Force will also take part.

The exercise will test procedures for deployment of the ACE Mobile Force to an area of possible employment.

## 'Tiger Tail' Technique Tried

A scale model of an air-to-air missile was fired at Point Mugu, Calif., Jan. 5, to test a new technique for retrieving test vehicles and missiles intact.

The test vehicle was launched from a tower and caught in a net. Called "Tiger Tail," the technique simulates the interaction between launch and initial flight in a single test, with data recorded through ground telemetry systems.

Previous tests expended two rocket motors and a missile. Tiger Tail expends one rocket motor and recovers the missile for later use.

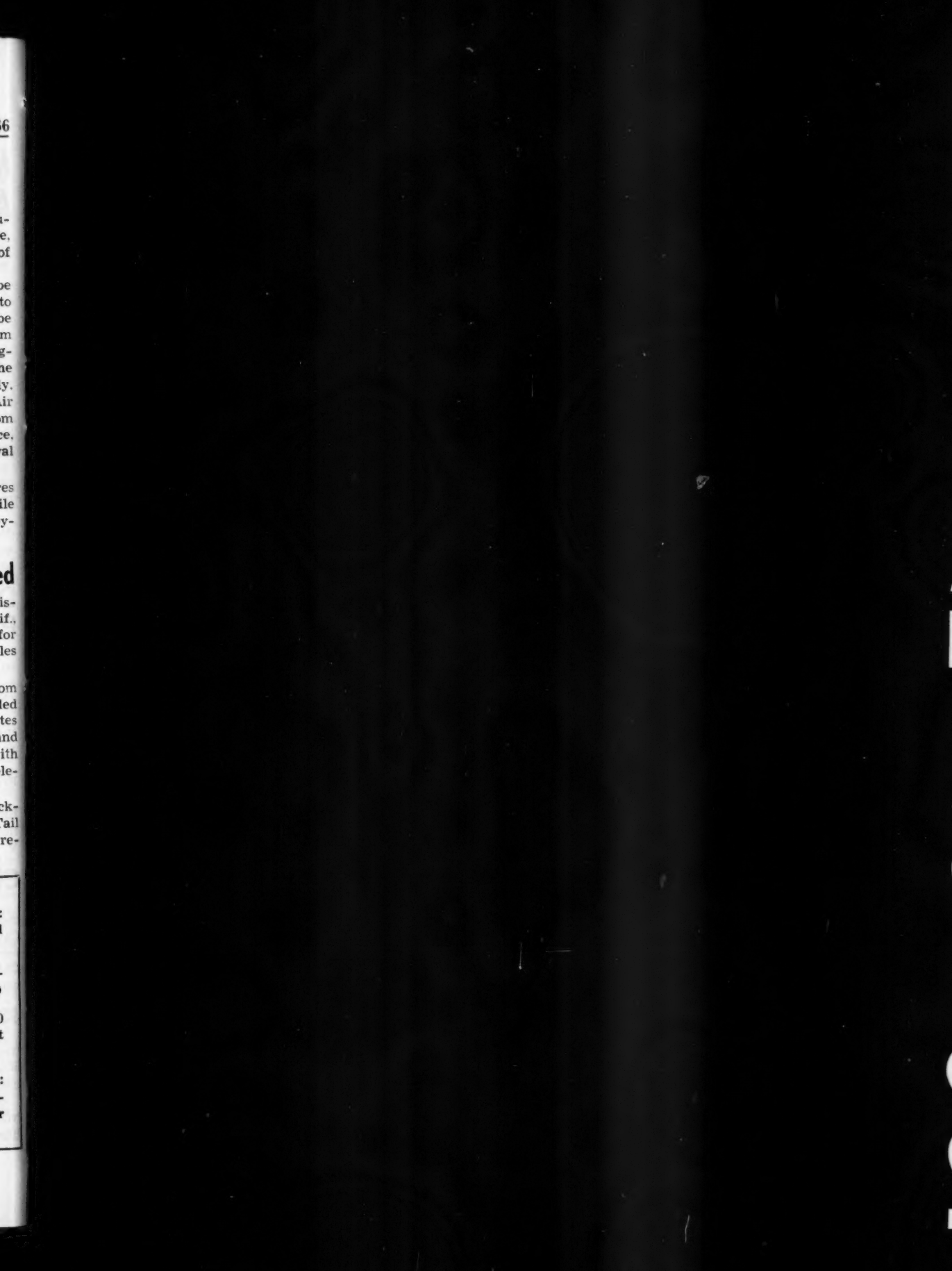
### PERSONNEL ACTIONS

**Lt. Gen. Theodore J. Conway,** Asst. Chief of Staff for Force Development, USA, to succeed **Lt. Gen. William W. Quinn** as CG, Seventh U.S. Army, Europe; General Quinn to retire. **Lt. Gen. James H. Polk,** CG, V Corps, USAEUR, to succeed General Conway. **Lt. Gen. George R. Mather, USA,** U.S. Representative to the Permanent Military Deputies Group, CENTO, to succeed General Polk, **Maj. Gen. Ashton H. Hanhart,** (selected for lieutenant general), to succeed General Mather. **RAdm. Lester E. Hubbell, USN,** designated Director, Directorate for Training and Career Development, OASD (Manpower Planning and Research), OASD(M). **Lt. Gen. Robert W. Colglazier Jr., USA,** Fourth U.S. Army Commander, retires Jan. 31.

### CONTRACT AWARDS

**Mansfield Tire and Rubber Co., Mansfield, Ohio:** $1,608,887 fixed-price contract for ¾-ton truck and trailer tires. **(Army)**

**General Motors Corp., Detroit:** $3,258,813 fixed-price contract for six-cylinder diesel engines. **(Army)**

**General Electric Co., Schenectady, N.Y.:** $2,050,900 contract for designing and furnishing reactor plant equipment for naval nuclear powered ships. **(Navy)**

**Aircraft Hydroforming Inc., Gardens, Calif.:** $1,650,649 increment to a previously awarded contract for aircraft pylon bomb rack assemblies. **(Air Force)**